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SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN INTEREST IN U.S. VIEWS ON LOS CONFERENCE

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1. MFA OFFICIAL GEORG LENKH TOLD EMBOFF OCTOBER 21 THAT GOA, AS CHAIRMAN OF LAND-LOCKED AND DISADVANTAGED GROUP OF STATES IN LOS CONFERENCE, WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN PROGRESS OF US REVIEW OF ITS INTERESTS IN CONFERENCE, WHICH AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON MENTIONED IN TESTIMONY BEFORE CONGRESS OCTOBER 4. LENKH SAID MFA/IO DIRECTOR AMBASSADOR WOLF, IN NYC FOR UNGA, WOULD BE HAPPY TO GO TO WASHINGTON, IF US OFFICIALS THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR HIM TO DO SO, TO DISCUSS CONFERENCE SITUATION EITHER BEFORE HE CONVENES SERIES OF MEETINGS OF LAND-LOCKED AND DISADVANTAGED STATES REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK OCTOBER 28 OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS CONVENIENT.

2. LENKH SAID GOA APPRECIATED KEY ROLE OF USG IN LOS CONFERENCE, SHARED US FRUSTRATION WITH SUCCESSION OF
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SESSIONS THAT NEVER ACHIEVED EXPECTED BREAKTHROUGH, AND WANTED TO BE HELPFUL. HE SAID IT WAS EASY TO UNDERSTAND WHY USG MIGHT DECIDE THAT FURTHER US PARTICIPATION WAS USELESS BUT GOA WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO OPPOSE ANY UNILATERAL ACTIONS BY USG WITH RESPECT TO ISSUES NOW BEFORE CONFERENCE. LENKH SAID THAT IN GOA VIEW IT SEEMED NEITHER TECHNOLOGY NOR RAW

MATERIALS SHORTAGES REQUIRED URGENT AGREEMENT ON DEEP SEABEDS ISSUE; TIME REMAINS, THEREFORE, TO CONSIDER DIFFERENT APPROACH TO CONFERENCE NEGOTIATIONS THAT COULD BRING THEM UNDER BETTER CONTROL: E.G., GIVEN SIZE OF CONFERENCE AND COMPLEXITY OF ISSUES BEFORE IT, ISSUES COULD BE CONSIDERED ONE AT TIME FIRST AND THEN AS WHOLE IN ORDER THAT NECESSITY FOR TRADE-OFFS, AND TRADE-OFFS THEMSELVES, COULD BE MADE CLEAR TO ALL. GOA DID NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER THAT EVENTUALLY WHILE NEW APPROACH TO LOS QUESTION WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE OUTSIDE PRESENT CONFERENCE FRAMEWORK.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES THATZN WHETHER OR NOT DEPARTMENT THINKS VISIT OF WOLF TO WASHINGTON USEFUL, CLOSE

LIAISON ON LOS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WITH WOLF WHILE HE IS AT UNGA. BORG

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